

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Room 352, State Capitol

The House Standing Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Chairman, Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.

An Invocation was offered by Chairman Cushingberry.

Members present: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss and Nofs.

Members Absent/excused: None.

Chairman Cushingberry made opening remarks and announced that there would be discussion only on the Supplemental. He announced a meeting for the subcommittee chairs for the afternoon at 4:15 pm in which he would be talking with individual subcommittee chairs.

Testimony cards were submitted by the following individuals:

James Valentine, representing Michigan Chiefs of Police Association and Criminal Justice Services wishing to speak on the supplemental to the Criminal Justice Information System Funding.

Sheriff Blaine Koops, representing Michigan Sheriffs, wishing to speak on the Criminal Justice Information System Funding.

Jeff Sauter, representing the Eaton County Prosecutors Office, wishing to speak on the Criminal Justice Information System Funding.

No testimony was taken.

Chairman Cushingberry called on guest speaker Richard McLellan, Senior Attorney of Dykema Gossett, for presentation on State Government Reorganization for better management of State Government and delivery of goods and services.

Mr. McLellan answered questions of the members.

Following discussion, Chairman Cushingberry requested that members submit ideas and concepts in regards to reorganization of State Government.

Chairman Cushingberry brought before the committee Mitch Bean, Director of the House Fiscal Agency, for presentation of Balance Sheet and Year End Estimates.

Mitch Bean answered questions of the members.

Representative Cheeks assumed the Chair.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, Representative Cheeks adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:00 Noon.

Representative George Cushingberry, Jr. Chair

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